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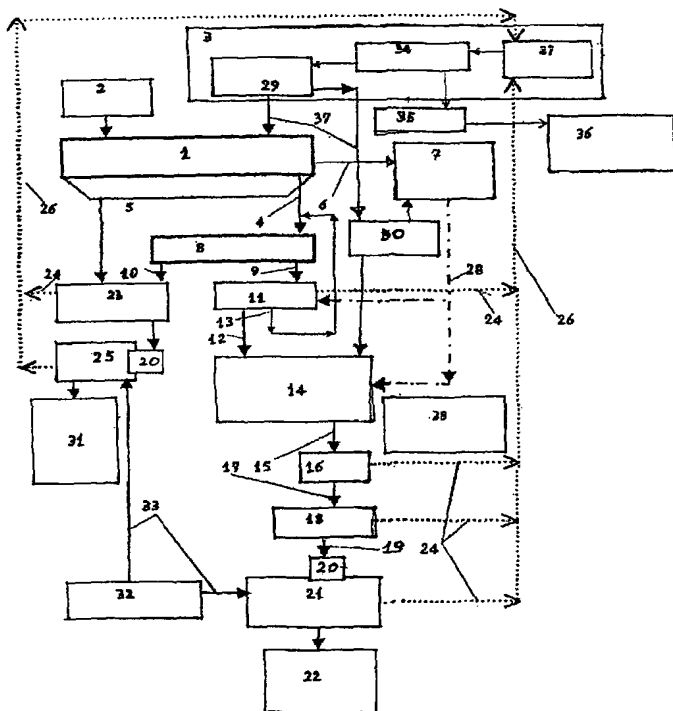
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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF TITANIUM DIOXIDE



Schematic diagram of the facility

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duction of titanium dioxide comprising the following
steps: (a) a titanium ore containing iron, preferably il-
menite, is reacted with an aqueous NH_4F solution; (b)
the aqueous suspension thus obtained is filtered with
consequent separation of a sludge fraction, which con-
tains ammonium fluoroferates, and a filtrate fraction,
which contains ammonium fluorotitanates; (c) the fil-
trate fraction thus obtained is subjected to an hydroly-
sis reaction; (d) the thus-obtained solid component is
subjected to a thermal hydrolysis reaction. The plant
and the reactors for performing the above process are
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